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INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF:

SUBEDAR ISHAR SINGH, SUBEDAR GANDA SINGH, JEMADAR RAM SINGH,
and BAHADUR SINGH all of 2/12 Frontier Force.

DECLARATION OF SGT. HALIR SINGH.

I, Sgt. HALIR SINGH of 2/12 Frontier Force do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I am Sgt. HALIR SINGH of 2/12 Frontier Force.
2. While in New Guinea as an Indian PW I was a member of 19 Indian Working Party.
3. At the beginning of February, 1945, I and the other members of 19 Indian Working Party left YAWA for YAKANO. Subedar ISHAR SINGH, SUBEDAR GANDA SINGH, JEMADAR RAM SINGH and JEMADAR BAHADUR SINGH were too weak to carry their loads and were left in YAWA. I have been told by Pte RAM SINGH and Pte SAPUHAN SINGH (both now deceased) that Lt. MITSUBA ordered them to march to YAPANO and that they refused stating that they were too sick to walk.
4. Lt. MITSUBA, Nursing Orderly MAIDA, Cpl HATA and a Japanese whose name I do not know went into the hut in which the Indian Officers had been left. At that time I was outside a hut approximately 150 yards distant. Inside this, this hut, were Sgt/Maj DHAMESHO RAM and Pte PURAN SINGH (both now deceased) who were sick and who were not going on the march. I heard five shots four of them being fired in quick succession and the last one a couple of minutes later. About twenty minutes after the shooting Lt. MITSUBA and the other three Japanese emerged from the hut and joined my party about 200 yards away. I then also joined my party.
5. About half an hour after the shooting I went back to the hut in which were Sgt/Maj DHAMESHO RAM and Pte PURAN SINGH. The former told me that he had been across to the Officers' hut and that he had seen the bodies of the four officers lying on the floor under some blankets. They were dead.
6. I was present at a parade of Japanese soldiers on 9 Nov. 45 at NEWAK. The Japanese whom I there pointed out to Lt. LIPSCOMB of ATIS att 6 Div as Lt. MITSUBA, Cpl HATA and Nursing Orderly MAIDA are the persons mentioned in paras 3 and 4 hereof by those names, and are the individuals whose photographs are exhibited hereto and numbered 70, 87 and 101 respectively.

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AND I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1911-1922 conscientiously believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

DECLARED in the field this
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スルスンフ軍曹、陳述
SGT. HAMIR SINGH
スルスンフ = 腸スル死七調查
BAHDUR SINGH
SUBEDER GANDA SINGH / JEMAPARS RAM SINGH /
SUBEDAR ISHAR SINGH /
FROTIER FORCE / 國境部隊所屬
スルスンフ軍事犯罪

PTERM SINGH
PTE SUPERUN SINGH
ラムスイニ共 フラニスイニ共、両名(現在両名亡故人)が次様一事
実ヲ語ルト業マシ一即チ MITSUBA 中尾若少尉が自命達モハ近
行進ミト命シマシタガ其行スル事ガ不可能ナ程教弱ニ居ルダト申
述、ベテ第リマサト.

My 1 事、^{ハシマサ}前田君、^{ハシマサ}日本人現在
中尉者三分、^{ハシマサ}前田君、^{ハシマサ}兵長及一名、^{ハシマサ}日本人現在
代名不詳)が數名、印度人将校が残サテキ小屋に入ヲテ行キマシ。

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某時私、小屋カラ約一五〇ヤード離レタ外部二居リマシテ。
此中即チ此小屋、内部内部 PTE. PURAN JIN GH、内部 PTE. PURAN JIN GH共現在而
懸人二名が病氣にて行進ル様子ニ留メ居リマシテ。
私、立發鏡聲ヲ聞キマシテ、其内四發八全、連續的ニ取後、
一發ハ一分後、發射セマシテ、其射擊後約十分過ギテ、内部 PTE. PURAN JIN GHハ中尉
若少尉也、一名日本兵ハ此小屋カラ出テ來リ約二〇ヤード離レタ
私隊ニ参加マシテ、私モ亦レタ私隊ニ参加マシテ。
5. 此射擊後約十分過ギテ、私ハ^{内部 PTE. PURAN JIN GH}ヨラム曹長ト^{内部 PTE. PURAN JIN GH}共、
兩名刀居多小屋引近リ行キマシテ、前者ハ將校連、小屋ヲ通
合ハシ時此四名將校、身体ガ若干毛布ニ被ルテ床上ニ横タ
リ、且自擊シクト私ニ語リマシテ。
6. 私、^{内部 PTE. PURAN JIN GH}於一九四一年(昭和十六年)十月九日日本兵、閱兵二本
席ニマシテ。
其處、私ガ第六師團附屬聯合軍艦譯及通譯部勤務、内部 PTE. PURAN JIN GHリテ
アスコム中尉(若少尉)付テ、内部 PTE. PURAN JIN GHハ中尉(若少尉)付長^{内部 PTE. PURAN JIN GH}アリ
父曾實次アリト指摘シテ日本人、各人、氏名ガ本陳述、第三
節及第四節ニ述ベラシ人々アリス。
シテ茲ニ提出来テ右各人、寫真六名、第七號第八號及第
一號、番號附テアリス。
ノ私、更に前記アスコム中尉(若少尉)=日本兵ヲ指摘シマシテ。
ヲ者ハ本陳述、第四節、於ト言及シ日本人某、今^{内部 PTE. PURAN JIN GH}付
長アリトフ知リマシテ。
而ニ同人、寫真六名、坂本サニテ第九號、番號附テアリス。

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而予一九二九年三月律令 THE STATUTORY DECLARATIONS ^{OCT} 遵
嚴肅本末述ナスモニ良心ニ照シテ右包含ヤル末述ガ八
点於眞實ナル旨

一九四五年(昭和三十年)十一月十一日戰錄於深述入

OFFICER OF INFANTRY
工兵科所屬士官

HAMIL
SINGH

陸軍少佐 JOHN COHEN LOWRY MAJOR (署名)

右眞實ナル旨書下事ヲ證明入

陸軍中佐 MORNAME LIEUTENANT (署名)

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